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Good evening brothers and sisters,

Once again welcome to our weekly programme, Youth Forum of action. As usual we will present to you news items of youth action in South Africa, news items of youth action internationally and a feature item-

Before we have our news items here is some music from.....

By the beginning of this week all signs were positive towards a return to close by boycotting students throughout the country. The ultimatum to the regime was stressed by the student leadership. This ultimatum contained the following points.

1. The supply of text books in all schools should meet the demand.
2. All students held in connection with boycotts should be released.
3. The students must be guaranteed the right to organise representative Council.
4. The apartheid pay gap existing between white and black teachers should be abolished.

These points the regime had to meet in twenty-one days but as this report on the decision to stop boycott was being filed, fresh reports of heightened unrest continue to be received.

In Zwelitsha township was King Williamstown, the Lennox Sebe teacher training college has been closed by the college authorities, fearing an escalation of the protest activities. This incident follows a clash over the expulsion of four students which the college had expelled, but whose reinstatement the students demanded.

In Natal, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi continues to lose the respect he enjoyed among young people of the country. Even the members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade are of present at loggerheads with him. They have openly defied his use of threats in order to stop the school boycotts in the Natal province. In an action to show-off his might, he confined certain elders of heavy rural beliefs into attacking a meeting of students which had rivalled his rally at KwaMashu Stadium. This large contingent of panga-wielding warriors, was joined by heavily armed policemen who together with the bloodthirsty Gatsha Buthelezi armed mob attacked the students and confiscated the "Free Mandela campaign posters. Informed sources said that the Chief is particularly worried about the popularity comrade Nelson Mandela enjoys in the country in particular among the young people.

Sunday's incident is said to be one of the examples of the chief's determination to gain access to power is South Africa means possible.

The boycotts continue in the Durban townships of Kwa Mashu and Umlazi with the mood of the students becoming electrified by the statement of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi. Today is expected to yield a new confrontation between the chief and the students, when the chief tries to force an early end to the boycott. Reports from Ulundi state that the chief was yesterday under heavy guard. He refused to talk to journalists - a move which has been interpreted as an emotional response to a wounded pride he suffered when the students ignored him.

In Alice CP The University of Fort Hare has been definitely closed by the rector professor J. M. de Wet. This was in response to the boycott which has been mounted by the students at the university. Sources close to the administration of the university allege that the rector was instructed to close the university rather than suffer the material damage the university had in 1976. This is contrary to the rector's principles, as he views the closure of the university to be a rectory to those forces that seek change in the country. In a similar confrontation in 1973 he declared that no agitator is going to force the administration to close the university.

The racist minister of education and planning, yesterday declared that the inequalities in racist education will be done away with. He stated that the discrimination pay practices will be done away with. In a completely surprising move he also suggested that there will be moves towards a common education for all.

The racist security policemen have gone on a wild spree of vandalism again they toppled and broke the tombstone of the people's hero, Solomon Mahlangu in the black township of Athlridge. The racist vandals replaced the broken tombstone with the head of the warthog. This action typical of the vandalism that was characteristic of the racist white policeman in recent years. Several tombstones of black patriots have been vandalised by the security policemen in an attempt to erase the memory of people's heroes. The racist police have been reported as pretending to be looking for clues to the identity of the vandals.

Meanwhile the seat of racist prejudice and of Afrikanerdom has been rocked by the sudden sweep of increased black opposition to the racist apartheid education in the black schools of Blomfontein. Wednesday and Thursday were reported as days on which the almost total school boycott of schools reached their height. Streets were reported to have been barricaded to prevent movement of the police vehicles. The policemen's homes, vehicles and racist administration building have some under heavy stone throwing attacks. At least one youth has been shot dead and several injured. Twenty three young persons are in detention.

The seeming end to the school boycott appears to have been one wave in the convulsion that has beset the education system. The Cape peninsula is back on the strike motion of last week. The boycotts in the African townships of Langa and Gugulethu have evoked support from the students in the coloured schools in the area. Turfloop has also come into the protest movement. The students have continued with their sit in protest action. The regime is at the moment in a stalemate without a trick or solution to the continuing boycotts.

With that piece of news we have come to the end of our newscast. We now present you a feature item entitled.

HEROES NEVER DIE - THEY LIVE FOR EVER

On 6th April 1979, the racist minority regime executed one of Africa's finest sons, comrade Solomon Mahlangu. The racist chose a remarkable day in the history of the colonization of our beloved motherland, the day Jan van Riebeck and gang of condemned criminals landed on our soil. The choice of the date was intended to signal to the oppressed the idea of the power of the white minority regime and its historic subjugation of our people from the date of their arrival, and to sear us from taking arms for our liberation.

But then the fallacy of this duty scheme has been exposed and the armed struggle has been going in intensity ever since. The execution of comrade Mahlangu has inflamed thousands of young hearts who are now determined to rewrite history and add pages of the glory of the sacrifices paid our people, for their liberation. The name of Solomon Mahlangu today signifies heroism and dedication to struggle until the last.

Therefore, the vandalism that was performed over his grave in Atteridgeville cemetery last week, is another testimony to his immortal gift to posterity. Ever in death he continues to threaten the racist power structure. In a spiteful move, the agents of the regime toppled his tombstone and substituted a bloody warthog's head for the headstone. What can be deduced from the act is that the memory of the people's hero is too much for the regime, they must destroy it at all costs. Unfortunately for the regime, the more they want to tarnish the image of comrade Solomon, by likening him to a Warthog is the more they go to blacken the image of a revolutionary hero, is the more they work the opposite in the people's mind.

Thus we are now proud to say, in the memory to our fellow hero, we will take up his sword and shield and march to freedom. In the spirit of Solomon Mahlangu we say our blood will continue water the tree of liberty.

"Forward to a People's Government!"

Amandla! Maatla!